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1. GENERAL.

This summary, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947 for the month of October, 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

5 Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during October, 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1947 AND THE
FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 : STATES.

State	Benefits paid during October, 1947				Benefits paid during four months ended October, 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N.S.W. (a)	7,132	28,123	965	36,220	36,554	112,523	2,593	151,670
Victoria	1,962	22,052	834	24,848	10,240	71,253	2,502	83,995
Queensland	13,481	4,214	676	18,371	70,645	24,381	2,600	97,626
S.Australia(b)	443	5,920	250	6,613	2,430	26,891	1,118	30,439
W.Australia	3,889	4,827	496	9,212	20,246	20,873	1,631	42,750
Tasmania	383	4,456	213	5,052	1,579	14,430	713	16,722
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>27,290</u>	<u>69,592</u>	<u>3,434</u>	<u>100,316</u>	<u>141,694</u>	<u>270,351</u>	<u>11,157</u>	<u>423,202</u>

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months October, 1946 to October, 1947, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -
YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM OCTOBER, 1946 TO
OCTOBER, 1947.

AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1946 -									
October	3,102	97	3,546	877	81	27	6,729	1,001	7,730
November	16,132	1,001	4,348	1,065	201	31	20,681	2,097	22,778
December	9,608	324	2,905	707	197	38	12,710	1,069	13,779
1947 -									
January	6,649	170	3,813	656	108	20	9,775	846	10,621
February	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July (a)	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August(a)	2,134	111	5,808	1,570	138	65	8,080	1,746	9,826
September(a)	1,440	67	4,530	1,224	113	39	6,083	1,330	7,413
October (a)	1,508	44	3,990	1,175	61	30	5,559	1,249	6,808
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1946 -									
October	3,106	107	3,424	777	47	27	6,577	911	7,488
November	9,833	874	4,333	983	75	18	14,241	1,875	16,116
December	5,084	176	2,744	735	78	19	7,906	930	8,836
1947 -									
January	11,151	367	3,112	672	194	13	14,457	1,052	15,509
February	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July (a)	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August (a)	3,230	141	5,799	1,509	135	24	9,164	1,674	10,838
September(a)	2,091	81	4,503	1,232	139	45	6,733	1,358	8,091
October (a)	1,908	65	4,260	1,202	80	23	6,248	1,290	7,538
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
October	6,013	220	6,511	1,746	124	178	12,648	2,144	14,792
November	12,312	347	6,526	1,828	250	191	19,088	2,366	21,454
December	16,836	495	6,687	1,800	369	210	23,892	2,505	26,397
1947 -									
January	12,334	298	6,593	1,784	283	217	19,210	2,299	21,509
February	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	285	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July (a)	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August (a)	4,209	182	7,867	2,551	239	355	12,315	3,088	15,403
September(a)	3,558	168	7,894	2,543	213	349	11,665	3,060	14,725
October (a)	3,158	147	7,624	2,516	194	356	10,976	3,019	13,995

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during October, 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER 1947
AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	October, 1947				Four months ended October 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	392	569	6	967	1,367	2,113	31	3,511
1 and under 2	280	897	15	1,192	1,535	3,596	79	5,210
2 " " 3	192	739	12	943	1,110	3,105	66	4,281
3 " " 4	161	737	13	911	895	3,031	58	3,984
4 " " 5	139	539	9	637	706	2,245	55	3,006
5 " " 9	297	1,253	34	1,584	1,844	5,004	131	6,979
9 " " 13	171	571	20	762	992	2,125	79	3,196
13 " " 27	228	669	28	925	1,350	2,287	89	3,726
27 and over	219	299	9	527	1,133	1,148	45	2,326
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,079	6,273	146	8,498	10,932	24,654	633	36,219

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during October 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1947 AND THE FOUR
MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	October, 1947				Four months ended October 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	10.5	4.8	6.2	6.2	10.4	4.7	7.1	6.4
13 " "	21.5	15.4	25.3	17.1	22.7	13.9	21.2	16.7
9 " "	29.7	24.5	39.0	26.1	31.8	22.6	33.6	25.5
5 " "	44.0	44.5	62.3	44.7	48.7	42.8	54.3	44.8
4 " "	50.7	53.1	68.5	52.8	55.1	52.0	63.0	53.1
3 " "	58.4	64.8	77.4	63.5	63.3	64.2	72.2	64.1
2 " "	67.7	76.6	85.6	74.6	73.5	76.8	82.6	75.9
1 " "	81.1	90.9	95.9	88.6	87.5	91.4	95.1	90.3
Less than 1	18.9	9.1	4.1	11.4	12.5	8.6	4.9	9.7

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during October, 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947 are shown below:-

REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER 1947 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Reason for Cessation	October, 1947				Four months ended October 1947			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,212	58.3	3,531	56.3	6,154	56.3	13,764	55.8
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,586	25.3	-	-	6,490	26.3
Failure to report (a)	618	29.7	277	4.4	3,603	33.0	970	3.9
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	91	4.4	57	1.0	413	3.8	289	1.2
Statutory age limit (b)	14	0.7	18	0.2	59	0.5	58	0.2
Permanent incapacity (c)	44	2.1	270	4.3	174	1.6	1,064	4.3
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	1	0.0	180	2.9	22	0.2	664	2.7
Death	2	0.0	113	1.8	10	0.1	411	1.7
Transfer to another district	32	1.6	93	1.5	189	1.7	414	1.7
Other	65	3.2	148	2.3	308	2.8	530	2.2
TOTAL	2,079	100	6,273	100	10,932	100	24,654	100

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions.

(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF OCTOBER, 1947

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 25th October, 1947, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 54 per 10,000 comprising 13 unemployment, 39 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH OCTOBER, 1947 PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	17	41	1	59
Females	per 10,000 females	2	36	5	43
Persons	per 10,000 persons	13	39	2	54

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th October, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH OCTOBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.(a)	634	40	2,886	915	44	99	3,564	1,054	4,618
Vic.	156	8	1,837	744	36	84	2,029	836	2,865
Queensland	1,827	80	1,196	321	45	66	3,068	467	3,535
S. A. (b)	66	3	748	221	27	30	841	254	1,095
W. A.	440	16	574	194	37	39	1,051	249	1,300
Tas.	35	-	383	121	5	38	423	159	582
TOTAL	3,158	147	7,624	2,516	194	356	10,976	3,019	13,995

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th October, 1947, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH OCTOBER, 1947
AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	72	24	505	524	1	22	578	570	1,148
20 - 24 "	205	34	721	578	2	25	928	637	1,565
25 - 29 "	232	23	538	313	1	22	771	358	1,129
30 - 34 "	219	12	615	211	4	36	838	259	1,097
35 - 39 "	235	10	670	178	5	38	910	226	1,136
40 - 44 "	270	9	735	182	1	48	1,006	239	1,245
45 - 49 "	373	13	849	234	5	60	1,227	307	1,534
50 - 54 "	374	10	877	171	3	60	1,254	241	1,495
55 - 59 "	518	11	1,118	120	3	29	1,639	160	1,799
60 years and over	660	1	996	5	169	16	1,825	22	1,847
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,158	147	7,624	2,516	194	356	10,976	3,019	13,995

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING OCTOBER, 1947 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF OCTOBER, 1947

(1) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during October, 1947 and the four months ended October, and by those who were on benefit at 25th October, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the persons being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING OCTOBER, 1947 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during October, 1947		Admitted during 4 months ended Oct. 1947		On Benefit at 25th Oct. 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid Off -						
Disciplinary reasons	16	2	84	4	50	2
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	71	1	459	26	242	7
Power rationing	-	1	6	4	11	2
Shortage of materials	82	3	451	11	138	3
Strikes and lock-outs	180	-	208	1	34	-
Seasonal work	246	2	691	6	312	9
Casual work	293	4	1,731	30	558	11
Other including inadequately defined	261	10	1,770	95	873	31
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	238	19	1,160	115	533	49
Other quits, including inadequately defined	89	1	676	42	172	14
Not Previously Employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	49	-	277	1	137	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	27	2	137	4	84	4
Other	2	3	21	19	14	13
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,554	48	7,671	358	3,158	147

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during October, 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947 and of those on benefit at 25th October, 1947:

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING OCTOBER, 1947
AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during October 1947		Admitted during four months ended October 1947		On Benefit at 25th October 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	112	1	865	5	282	2
Other Primary Production	16	-	145	-	55	-
Coal Mining	179	-	200	-	23	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	25	-	171	-	50	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding	128	1	520	9	269	2
Vehicles, including aircraft	28	-	147	-	61	-
Textiles and articles of dress	12	3	77	43	40	19
Food, drink and tobacco	281	4	792	31	416	18
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	43	-	209	2	76	1
Other factories, including heat, light and power	52	4	370	16	130	7
Building and Construction	194	-	1,172	-	375	-
Transport and Communication	103	2	642	15	260	5
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	132	8	760	61	322	17
Finance and property	9	-	52	3	27	2
Public Administration and Professional	93	9	833	36	416	19
Personal and Domestic Service	101	12	509	115	235	41
Other	46	4	207	22	121	14
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,554	48	7,671	358	3,158	147

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th October, 1947, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table:

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH OCTOBER, 1947 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S. A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.	87	17	142	5	29	2	282
Other Primary including Mining	37	17	48	1	25	-	128
Engineering, etc. including Vehicles	111	20	141	11	44	3	330
Food, Drink, etc. Factories	34	10	332	7	26	7	416
Other Factories	63	26	104	5	45	3	246
Building and Construction	73	16	229	7	46	4	375
Transport and Communication	36	12	159	8	36	9	260
Commerce and Finance	65	16	195	10	62	1	349
Public Administration and Professional (c)	57	9	282	8	57	3	416
Personal and Domestic Service	55	5	124	4	45	2	235
Other	16	8	71	-	25	1	121
<u>TOTAL 25TH OCTOBER, 1947</u>	634	156	1,827	66	440	35	3,158
<u>TOTAL 26TH OCTOBER, 1946</u>	1,492	472	2,807	139	995	108	6,013

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes civilians previously employed by Australian or Allied Services - N.S.W. 18, Vic. 1, Q'ld. 175, S.A. 2, W.A. 16, Aust. 212.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the four months ended October, 1947, and persons on benefit at 25th October, 1947 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during four months ended October 1947				On Benefit at 25th October 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	418	10	1,422	102	206	6	428	34
Victoria	157	35	410	6	38	7	118	1
Queensland	1,948	59	1,962	111	1,098	37	729	43
South Australia (c)	82	1	47	1	56	3	10	-
Western Australia	380	14	239	19	370	10	70	6
Tasmania	90	-	16	-	31	-	4	-
TOTAL	3,575	119	4,096	239	1,799	63	1,359	84

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING OCTOBER AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF OCTOBER, 1947.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the four months ended October, 1947, and those current at 25th October, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during four months ended October, 1947				On Benefit at 25th October, 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	4,125	1,538	3,048	577	1,551	612	1,335	303
Victoria	3,202	1,163	1,599	388	1,192	547	645	197
Queensland	1,388	403	1,579	269	642	194	554	127
South Australia (c)	1,490	331	699	125	534	165	214	56
Western Australia	1,006	352	726	131	357	140	217	54
Tasmania	402	95	563	112	152	61	231	60
TOTAL	11,613	3,882	8,214	1,602	4,428	1,719	3,196	797

(a) See footnote to table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 25th October, 1947, is shown in the following table.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 25TH OCTOBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	642	20	662
Other Primary Production	184	-	184
Coal Mining	241	1	242
Other Mining and Quarrying	145	1	146
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding	1,115	95	1,210
Vehicles, including aircraft	376	23	399
Textiles and articles of dress	275	488	763
Food, drink and tobacco	485	113	598
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	310	15	325
Other Factories, including heat, light and power,	696	149	845
Building and Construction	1,026	6	1,032
Transport and Communication	729	61	790
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade	703	412	1,115
Finance and property	55	35	90
Public Administration and Professional	248	436	684
Personal and Domestic Service	373	653	1,026
Other	21	8	29
TOTAL:	7,624	2,516	10,140

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness, as stated on medical certificate of persons whose admission was notified during October, 1947 and the four months ended October, 1947, and of those on benefit at 25th October, 1947.

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING OCTOBER, 1947
AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during October, 1947		Admitted during four months ended October 1947		On Benefit at 25th October 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	266	92	1,237	331	373	167
Cancer	35	10	120	28	79	20
Other Tumours	32	32	168	123	98	70
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	277	95	1,205	385	589	239
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	21	21	72	82	43	55
Nervous System and Sense Organs	394	185	1,640	718	769	372
Circulatory System	360	56	1,602	228	879	142
Respiratory System	533	119	2,553	545	818	259
Digestive System	1,035	274	4,272	1,222	1,426	358
Genito-Urinary System	180	116	813	445	356	209
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	77	-	346	-	187
Skin and Cellular Tissue	216	64	1,114	268	285	67
Bones and Organs of Movement	106	25	463	109	206	66
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	87	40	330	154	140	78
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	421	44	2,045	199	1,008	122
Other Injuries, etc.	395	42	2,002	197	473	64
Operations (original disability not stated)	29	14	120	82	55	34
Other (Including not stated)	17	5	71	22	27	7
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,404</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>19,827</u>	<u>5,484</u>	<u>7,624</u>	<u>2,516</u>

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the four months ended October, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - FOUR MONTHS ENDED
OCTOBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to Total
N.S.W.(a)	3,332	1,380	10,641	1,353	269	63	14,242	2,796	19.63
Victoria	1,385	777	7,468	1,116	246	67	9,099	1,960	21.54
Queensland	6,845	2,765	4,287	648	252	87	11,384	3,500	30.76
S. A. (b)	213	82	3,270	625	83	25	3,566	732	20.53
W. A.	1,769	617	2,596	381	99	13	4,464	1,011	22.87
Tasmania	145	39	1,326	154	49	16	1,520	209	13.75
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>13,689</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>29,588</u>	<u>4,277</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>44,275</u>	<u>10,208</u>	<u>23.06</u>

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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